

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

AMENDMENTS

In the claims:

Please cancel claim 10.

Please amend claims 1, 5, 15, and 19 as follows:

E1 Sub F1 7 (twice amended). A distillate fraction useful as a fuel heavier than gasoline or as a blending component for a distillate fuel comprising:

a 250-700°F distillate fraction derived from a Fischer-Tropsch catalytic process, wherein the fraction comprising the majority of oxygen is not hydrotreated, and containing

at least 95 wt% paraffins with an iso to normal ratio of about 0.3 to 3.0,

≤ 50 ppm (wt) each of sulfur and nitrogen,

less than about 2¹⁵ wt% unsaturates, and

about 0.025 to less than 0.3 wt% oxygen ^{as determined} on a water free basis.

E2 Sub F2 5 (twice amended). A process for producing a distillate fuel heavier than gasoline comprising:

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- (a) separating the wax-containing product of a Fisher-Tropsch process into a heavier fraction containing 700°F+ hydrocarbons and a lighter fraction containing 700°F- hydrocarbons;
- (b) further separating the lighter fraction into, at least two distillate fractions, (i) at least one fraction containing ^{a small amount of oxygenate primarily} [primary] C₁₂-C₂₄ linear alcohols and (ii) one or more other fractions;
- (c) hydroisomerizing at least a portion of the heavier fraction of step (a) and at least a portion of the (b) (ii) fraction at hydroisomerization conditions and recovering a 700°F- fraction,
- ✓ wherein the fraction containing primary C₁₂-C₂₄ linear alcohols is not hydrotreated;
- (d) blending at least a portion of the fraction (b)(i) with at least a portion of the 700°F- fractions of step (c) and recovering a product boiling in the range of 250-700°F which contains 0.0025 to 0.3 wt% C₁₂-C₂₄ primary linear alcohol oxygenate, as oxygen on a water free basis. P. 9, P. 3

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15 (twice amended). A blended fuel, useful as a diesel fuel, comprising:

- (a) a 250-700°F distillate fraction derived from the Fischer-Tropsch process, wherein the fraction comprising the majority of oxygen is not hydrotreated, which contains;
- at least 95 wt% paraffins with an iso to normal ratio of about 0.3 to 3.0,

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≤ 50 ppm (wt) each of sulfur and nitrogen.

less than about 2 wt% unsaturates

about 0.001 to less than 0.3 wt% linear oxygenate, as oxygen on a water free basis,

blended with

- (b) a petroleum derived hydrocarbon fraction,
wherein the 250-700°F distillate fraction derived from the Fischer-Tropsch process comprises 10% or more *minor amount* of the blended fuel.

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19. A blended fuel according to claim 15 or 18 wherein said petroleum derived hydrocarbon is at least one raw or hydrogenated catalytic or thermally cracked distillate and gas oil.

REMARKS

35 USC §112

The Examiner has rejected claims 15-19 under 35 USC §112, first paragraph. Claim 15 was already amended to exactly copy the specification's language "10% or more" on page 7, paragraph 3. Claim 19 has been amended to exactly copy the specification's language "raw or hydrogenated catalytic or thermally cracked distillates and gas oils" on page 7, paragraph 3. *not true minor amount*

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